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Education Committee Legislative Office Building Hartford, CT 06106

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Dear Members of the Education Committee:

I am writing to you to express my opposition to bills SB-874, SB-738, and SB-457 and any other bill that forces regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools. Here are my reasons:

- I moved to Connecticut for the schools
- The bills do not address quality of education
- Negative effect on the state economy
- Erodes the quality of our towns and diminishes our sense of community
- Many issues with larger school sizes
- Makes it impossible to attract new businesses and taxpayers to Connecticut
- Regionalization has failed in other states—Massachusetts, New York, Maine

I urge you to oppose bills SB-874, SB-738 and SB-457. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Michael McElroy